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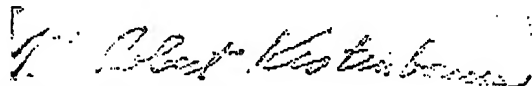
NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner McCloud:

I am faxing this Amendment (12 pages), in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, together with a PTO 2038 authorizing charging a credit card for the \$950 three month Large Entity extension fee. An additional of the final page of the amendment is included authorizing charging the Deposit Account ONLY IF ADDITIONAL FEES ARE DUE.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,



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Re: US Patent Application 10/018,979
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Amendment

Dear Examiner McCloud:

10/31/2003 10:00:00 AM This responds to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003.

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A clean set of the claims as amended is submitted on the following pages.

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